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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL ADD/DROP
MULTIPLEXING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled *Apparatus and Method for Optical Add/Drop Multiplexing* by Mohammed N. Islam and Amos (nmi) Kuditcher, please amend the application as follows:

Marked up versions of the amendments to the specification are shown below. Replacement paragraphs are provided for the Examiner's convenience on the attached replacement pages.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to Application Serial Number 09/746,850, entitled "*Apparatus and Method for High Speed Optical Signal Processing*," filed on December 22, 2000; to Application Serial Number 09/746,125, entitled "*Apparatus and Method for Controlling*"

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